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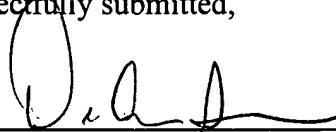
Dear Sir:

Applicants first wish to thank Examiner Webman for his time and patience in helping Applicants to enter into the file history the Preliminary Amendment filed with the U.S. Patent Office on May 23, 2003.

In accordance with our discussion of October 29, 2003, Applicants will not reply to the Office Action (Paper No. 20) mailed from the U.S. Patent Office on September 15, 2003. Applicants understand that the Office Action (Paper No. 20) is deemed withdrawn

and, accordingly, will wait for further action from the Examiner upon his consideration of the Preliminary Amendment filed May 23, 2003.

Respectfully submitted,

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